

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Serial No.: Unassigned	)	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
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Filed: Concurrently	)	Examiner: Unassigned
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For: "METHODS FOR SLOWING THE DEGRADATION)		
RATE OF BIODEGRADABLE POLYMERS AND )		
BIODEGRADABLE POLYMER COMPOSITIONS )		
AND COMPOSITIONS THEREOF"	)	



**AUTHORIZATION TO TREAT REPLY REQUIRING EXTENSION OF TIME**  
**AS INCORPORATING PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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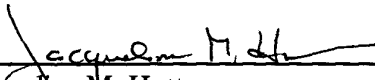
Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3), the Commissioner is hereby requested and authorized to treat any concurrent or future reply in the above-identified application, requiring a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.

Respectfully submitted,

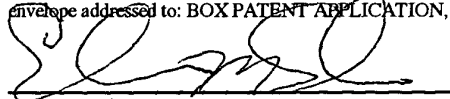
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